



Tuskegee National Forest

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prescribed Burn

(Tuskegee, AL) February 8, 2024 - USDA Forest Service federal fire management specialists on the Tuskegee National Forest are planning to conduct a 310-acre prescribed burn (controlled burn) today approximately 6 miles northeast of Tuskegee near the Little Texas VFD. The burn area contains portions of the Bartram Trail and the Bedford Cash-Bold Destiny Horse Trail which will be closed.

Forest Service Roads 908 & 906 and US Highway 29 form portions of the burn boundary and should be traveled with caution. The public will encounter Forest Service fire crews and equipment on these roads. The wind is expected to be out of the south and will carry the smoke to the north towards the intersection of Macon County Road 54 and I-85. Smoke will be visible from I-85, AL Highway 186, and US Highways 29 & 80. As the temperatures cool later today, the smoke will settle down the Choctawfaula drainage towards Exit 42 on I-85. Some settling will also occur around the area of the burn on US Highway 29. If encountering smoke on roadways, please slow down, turn on your low-beam headlights and use caution when encountering prescribed burning operations and smoke.

Prescribed burns are low-intensity fires ignited by trained personnel to remove excess fuels such as vegetation and dead wood that would enable wildfires to burn hotter and longer.

Prescribed fire is an important management tool to improve the health of southern forest landscapes and improve plant and animal habitat. Prescribed fire plays a critical role in restoring the longleaf pine forest ecosystem. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and the surrounding communities.

For additional information, contact the Tuskegee National Forest at (334) 552-3145. Or visit www.fs.usda.gov/alabama